(i) whether the balance stock tallies with the accounts;

(j) whether the balance of Rs. 300—7—7 is still due from the Societies; and if not, what is the balance due;

(k) whether the Societies which have to pay the balance due have submitted any explanation for not remitting the balance; and if so, whether such explanations will be placed on the table ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— (a) to (d) It is not possible to furnish the information as the files concerned have been destroyed.

(e) Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

(f) The list is appended. *(Vide Appendix VI).* Though it shows that amounts are due from some of the Societies nothing is due to the Central Bank as the balance has been paid by the Registrar himself.

(g) Copies of the correspondence available in the existing files are appended. *(Vide Appendix VII).*

(h) On 1st Chingam 1095 the remaining registers, etc., were transferred to the Central Bank and from that date they have been in the custody of the Central Bank.

(i) The balance of stock at the time of transfer to the Central Bank was found correct.

(j) Nothing is deemed as due from the Societies as the accounts with the Central Bank have been closed.

(k) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (j) above.

D. C. B. Register—missing of.

294. Mr. K T. Mathew:— Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to the answer to Question No. 252, dated 8th August 1934:—

(a) whether as a result of the order issued to trace out the register, it has been traced out; and if not,

(b) why it has not been traced out;

(c) who was the officer in charge of the register;

(d) what explanation has this officer submitted in reference to the missing of the register;

(e) what action has been taken against the officer for not keeping the register safely;

(g) when was it found out that the register was missing;

(h) whether as soon as it was known that the register was missing, the matter was brought to the attention of the Police; and if not,

(i) why it was not done;

(j) whether the matter has now been placed in the hands of the Police; and if not, why it was not done ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— (a) No.

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(b) It could not be found.

(c) The Co-operative Registrar's Office; it has not been possible to fix the responsibility for the safe custody of these articles on any particular clerk since there have been frequent changes in the personnel of the office staff.

(d) and (e) Please see answer of (c) above.

(g) When the register was called for.

(h) No.

(i) It was not thought necessary to do so.

(j) No. Please see answer to (i)

Water-tax—Ernakulam and Mattancheri Municipalities.

295. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the amounts collected last year separately from the Municipalities of Ernakulam and Mattancheri on account of water-tax and the amount realised from other sources on account of the supply of water from the Chowwara Head Works;

(b) the amount collected by the Ernakulam Municipality last year by way of water-tax?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— (a) As against a sum of Rs. 41,271—13—2 due from the Ernakulam Municipality they paid an amount of Rs. 21,946—2—10. No amount was realised from Mattancheri in 1109.

(b) Rs. 10,556—1—6

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—With regard to sub-division (a) as against a sum of Rs. 41,271-13-2 due from the Ernakulam Municipality, an amount of Rs. 21,000 and odd is paid. What about the balance?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—It has to be remitted by the Ernakulam Municipality.

Mr. Paul Mampilli:—Where is the measurement of water taken? Is it at Chowwara or at Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—At Ernakulam.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Is the amount of Rs. 10,000 and odd due from the tax-payers, or, is it the amount actually collected?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—It is the amount actually collected.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Then what is the difference due to?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—Rs. 41,000 and odd is the amount of our bill to the municipality and as water tax they collected Rs. 10,000 and odd.

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